

**COMMUNITY AND IN-HOME OPTIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR  
THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED (CHOICE)**

**March 19, 2015**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room C**

**402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN**

**CHOICE Board Members in Attendance:** Jean Macdonald, Lynn Clough, A.J. Weidekamp, Sen. Jean Breaux, Rep. Ed Clere

**CHOICE Board Members Absent:** Prudence Twigg, Dorian Maples, Kelly Daugherty, Sen. Jean Leising, Rep. Robin Shackelford,

**Visitors in Attendance:** Kirsten LaEace, Kathy Johnson,

**Staff in Attendance:** Debbie Pierson, Karen Gilliland, Willie Poindexter

**Call to Order:**

Jean called the meeting to order. Jean said that she learned that the Board doesn't have to have a quorum to vote. Jean asked members to review the minutes and called for corrections. With there being none, the minutes were approved.

**Division of Aging Update:** Karen Gilliland told the Board the February 2015 stats are in their folders. Karen said their data and analytic person is still trying to manipulate the data to get them year-to-date figures for CHOICE.

Karen said she sent out a query to Board members regarding their membership; all the Board memberships except for the legislator's have expired memberships. She said this information has been sent to the Governor's Office inquiring how to renew Board membership and recruit new members.

Rep. Ed Clere said there was some mention of putting someone on the Board who represents children. Karen Gilliland said there is someone interested in doing that. Rep. Clere said FSSA Bill 465 is an appropriate place to amend the CHOICE Board structure.

**CHOICE Pilot Project Update:** Debbie Pierson said they're only two months in so they don't have a full quarter's worth of data from the pilot agencies. Debbie said the numbers she has are volume numbers as to what is happening and by the time they meet again in May, they'll do something more with the performance measures. From January to February, the pilot agencies had done almost 400 needs assessments; about 70 were done in the non-pilot agencies, 235 caregiver assessments were done in the pilot agencies, 137 in-home OPTIONS counseling assessments were done in the pilot agencies and 838 phone OPTIONS counseling assessments in the first 2 months. They've had a couple of conference calls with the pilot groups to kind of keep tabs on what they are doing. Debbie said she wanted to also share

their action plan numbers, which is something that they can do to address a need in lieu of actually having to do a care plan. So far, they've done 24 in the two months of the pilot.

Debbie said they are still working on their planning project for No Wrong Door. They had a retreat two weeks ago with all the internal FSSA stakeholders and have started to gain some momentum. Debbie said this is a planning year for No Wrong Door and at the end of the year they need to come up with a three- year implementation plan.

Karen Gilliland filled the Board in on one of the other pieces of HEA 1391 the Division is working on. At the last meeting, they published public hearing dates held at the end of February. They held the first session Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> and looked at assessing all the current long term care services are available in Indiana. They are looking at the emerging technology that could reduce the cost of home and community based care either with telemedicine or telehealth. Karen said they are also looking at how states are paying for the new technology. At the hearings, they received plenty of comments and Kristen LaEace CEO of I4A submitted a great report on looking at the long-term continuum of care. They also heard from Aging and In-Home Services in Fort Wayne. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the session was devoted to discussing nursing homes and what other states are doing. They will be taking in all the information and looking at what they need to address in this report and the rough draft will be out for review in 2 weeks. They will keep meeting as a task force every month to refine it and eventually take it on the road for feedback. Their CMS transition plan was submitted in December and they expect CMS to respond any day now and then they will also take that on the road for public feedback.

**I-4A Update:** Kristen LaEace brought the Board up-to-date on three news items. Kristen said that in June of 2014 they officially incorporated a subsidiary of I4A to facilitate business opportunities for the area agencies on aging in the managed care environment. The second piece of the news is that they submitted an application to the Administration for Community Living last fall and were accepted into the Business Acumen Collaborative, whose purpose is to result in more contracts for business by the end of the collaborative. The collaborative will also be focusing on the Medicare population so they'll have the opportunity to work with that, especially if the State gets around to doing some deals. Kristen said further integration with the health care system is important for area agencies on aging sustainability. Kristen said a number of bills have died but they are still watching and supporting a couple of bills. The CHOICE appropriations remain the same and there was no change in the amount of money transferred over to waivers. A few years ago, the Supreme Court established the Adult Guardianship Program. The current appropriation for that is \$500,000 a year; the current budget will look at a million a year. The Public Mass Transit fund was recovered from the sales tax a couple of years ago, there was a cap based on the appropriations and there hasn't been an increase for a number of years. This year it is slated for a slight increase. Kristen mentioned HB 1265 that involves the formal designation of a caregiver, and is headed up by AARP. Kristen also mentioned several other bills along with some of the ones in summer study.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>.